

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 135 – SB 205**

February 26, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Specifies that the killing or injuring of a threatening wild animal is justified when a person reasonably believes the action is necessary to protect the person or any other individual against imminent attack which is likely to result in serious bodily injury or death, and when the action is necessary to protect the person's property from imminent harm. Requires the person to report within 12 hours any such killing or injuring of a threatening wild animal to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). Prohibits the moving of any such animal without authorization of the TWRA. Creates a Class C misdemeanor for failure to report such incidence.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the TWRA, any impact associated with persons reporting wildlife incidences to the agency would be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or a reduced reversion.
- There will not be a sufficient number of Class C misdemeanor prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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